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Pilger News Update

- Pilger is in need of heavy equipment for cleanup and recovery efforts. Pilger is also still accepting walk-in volunteers. If you can help or have questions, please call the help line at (402) 833-1515.
- The Village of Pilger Planning Commission will start meeting bi-weekly to facilitate the rebuilding of Pilger. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Village of Pilger is still trying to locate displaced residents. Any displaced resident of Pilger is asked to contact the Village Office with contact information at (402)396-3563.
- All Village clean-up operations will stop to observe Independence Day this Friday, July 4.

Be Aware of Scam Artists

Be on the lookout for scam artists asking for property deeds or donations in the Pilger area. Village Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Neiman reports that one such scam involves a Omaha and Northwestern Railroad. The railroad is not coming to town and Pilger residents should not sign over property deeds or send money to the railroad.

Other points to keep in mind to avoid becoming a fraud or scam victim:

- Check on a contractor's licensing status with local or state licensing agencies. Check with the local Better Business Bureau, homebuilders association or trade council to see if the contracting firm has any unanswered complaints against it;
- Ask for proof of insurance. If a contractor is uninsured, you may be liable for accidents on your property. Make sure the contractor has both disability and worker's compensation insurance;
- Ask for a written estimate and check to make sure it includes all work you expect to have done, as well as taxes and other fees. Keep in mind that some contractors charge for an estimate;
- If you think you have been victimized by fraud or suspect fraudulent activity, please report it to the Nebraska State Attorney General's office at: 402-471-2682.

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